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Letter dated 27 November 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the information received from the Government of Iraq that was circulated in document A/55/131/Add.1 of 18 September 2000, entitled "Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*".

I should like to state in this regard that the United States and British aircraft to which reference is made in this document are not based in the territory of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and that the Kingdom has no association with them. For the allegation made in paragraph 4 (b) of the document, namely that the United States made extensive use of depleted-uranium munitions against Iraq in 1991, there is no supporting evidence in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. None of the hospitals of the Kingdom's armed forces received any cases indicating the use of radioactive materials during or after the second Gulf war.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 73.

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